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Vice Chair Yeager called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. Committee members attending: Chu, Giacomini, Haggerty, and Worth. Also attending: Commissioner Tissier.

Minutes

Minutes of the Sept. 14, 2007 meeting were approved after a motion by Commissioner Chu and a second by Commissioner Worth.

Legislative History

Rebecca Long reviewed the legislative history dated October 2. She also reported on transportation bills that the Governor had just signed, including SB 264 (Alquist) authorizing to be placed on the ballot Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's new sales tax measure.

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority: Measure A

Ms. Long described Measure A on San Francisco's November 2007 ballot that includes an amendment to San Francisco's city charter to modify provisions of Proposition E (passed in 1999). If passed, the measure will significantly increase SFMTA revenues while also expanding the agency's authority over a variety of functions — from budget to hiring practices. On a motion by Commissioner Chu and a second by Commissioner Haggerty, the committee referred a position of "support" on SFMTA's Measure A to the Commission for approval. On request, and pursuant to urgency procedures of the Commission, the respective chairs of both the Legislation Committee and the Commission granted staff the ability to communicate the position immediately.

Federal Legislation

FY 2007-08 Appropriations – Ms. Long reported that Congress passed and the President signed a continuing resolution for FY 2008, and that funding levels remain under discussion.

Tom Bulger's Report – The report was received by the committee.

Other Business/Public Comment/Next Meeting

Under other business, Ms. Long reported that information-only appointments of representatives from the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee and the Minority Citizens Advisory Committee to MTC's Advisory Council will be taken directly to the Commission this month.

Commissioner Giacomini asked about a legislative vehicle to address accessibility matters concerning the interior and exterior of housing at transit-oriented developments. Ms. Long said that staff was working on development of next year's legislative program.

The next meeting was scheduled for Nov. 9. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.